

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Decision on Appeal dated January 23, 2008, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 8-12, 17, 20-24 are now all the claims pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 13-16, and 18-19 have been canceled from the application. Claims 8-10 and 22-24 have been allowed. Claim 3 has been objected to. The rejection of claims 11, 17, 20 and 21 has been reversed by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Applicant has rewritten claims 3 and 21 in independent form. Therefore, Applicant submits that the application should now be in a condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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